

## DER PROMPTLY LYNCHED.

ORDERER WAS GRANTED A CONTINUANCE BY JUDGE HART.

## PEOPLE SHOWED DISSATISFACTION.

Hanging Was Done By Citizens of Talbot and Was an Entirely Unexpected and Quiet Affair.

Dr. W. L. Ryder, the murderer of Miss Owen, while being returned from Talbot, Ga., to the Muscogee at Columbus, after having secured continuance of his trial, was lynched by citizens of Talbot county Monday night about 8 o'clock.

Sunday afternoon Ryder was carried from Talbot to the Muscogee jail to await the calling of his case Monday morning. There was no demonstration whatever upon his arrival, neither was there any feeling shown during the day after it had become known that the case had been continued.

But appearances were deceptive. The people had expected that Ryder would be arraigned and tried, and when they found that a delay had been secured their feelings got beyond control and almost before the sheriff was ready to leave on the return trip with his prisoner plans were being laid for the revenging of the death of Miss Sallie Emma Owens.

Just how the movement started or who started it may never be known. Soon after Ryder left town, guarded by the sheriff and a strong guard, the people who had come in to be on hand at the trial began leaving the city, presumably for their homes.

Once outside of town they all changed their course and in a short time the road leading to Waverly Hall, the point where Ryder would be put on the train, was lined with vehicles. In some way the demonstration became known to the officers and a runner was dispatched to overtake the sheriff and notify him that a mob was after his prisoner. The runner traveled fast, but the crowd traveled as fast, and the two came to Waverly Hall about the same time.

## How the Lynching Occurred.

When the judge announced his decision granting a continuance until the first Monday in September the courtroom quietly cleared and the deputy sheriffs were given a good deal of time in which to handcuff their prisoner. The spectators walked out of court without making an effort to show their animosity toward the prisoner and the lawyers connected with the case left town without the slightest thought that their client would meet with trouble at the hands of a mob.

Deputy Sheriffs Murphy and Boswell escorted Dr. Ryder back to the little local jail. He rested until about 5 o'clock; then he was aroused and placed in a covered carriage and driven toward Waverly Hall, at which point he was to be transferred to a train for Columbus.

Almost as soon as the deputy sheriffs with Ryder in custody had started for Waverly Hall a large number of men who had watched the trial during the afternoon proceeded to do the same thing.

Between fifty and sixty men secured buggies and vehicles of various sorts, and were driven toward Waverly Hall at a rapid rate.

Along the road from Talbot to Waverly Hall several hundred people were journeying when the news was given out that Dr. Ryder had been captured. There was a quick rush of those in the rear early in the evening, everybody gathered about Ryder in the broad front yard of his stopping place at Waverly Hall. The crowd surrounded the doctor and almost before he knew what was happening to him they had yanked him back into their wagons. As soon as they got Dr. Ryder securely in their possession they started with him down the road.

The crowd drove Dr. Ryder down toward Talbot and just in front of the big farm house of John M. Willis forced him out of the wagon. They then tied a rope about his neck, threw one end of it over the limb of a tree and pulled their prisoner clear of the earth. In a short time the career of W. L. Ryder was at an end.

## ALABAMA MINERS SUCCESSFUL.

Operators Agree to Give Them What They Asked For.

Sol. Haas, president of the Sloss Iron and Steel Company, and Nat. Baxter, Jr., president of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, have come to an agreement with the miners at Blocton, Cardiff, Blossburg, Brookside and Brazil and a contract at 37½ cents at each place for each ton of coal mined will be signed.

Work commenced Wednesday at the mines, and the suspension of work which has been on since July 1st is at an end.

## FOR ALASKAN BUSINESS.

New Steamers For Passengers and Freight to Be Put On.

Owing to the present rush to the Klondyke gold fields and the still greater rush that is expected next winter the Puget Sound Tug Boat Company has decided to run a steamer the Yukon river to carry passengers and freight from St. Michaels to Circle City and the Klondyke Valley.

The steamboat men estimate that at the beginning of about the first of April a large steamer can leave for Alaska daily with passenger and freight accommodation.

## SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

New Industries Established in the South During the Past Week.

Special correspondents, located at the prominent trade centers of the south, continue to send in encouraging reports, and excepting the strike among the coal miners, there are no unfavorable features characterizing business conditions.

The iron and steel trade is active and prices are steady. Several furnaces have been blown in since July 1 and the output is large, though not exceeding the demand.

The movement in lumber is good for the season and the textile trade shows improvement.

Among the most important new industries established the past week are car shops at Paducah, Ky.; the Texas Coal Briquette Co., capital \$50,000, Norfolk, Va.; the Hays Construction Co., capital \$100,000, Charleston, W. Va.; a \$20,000 fertilizer factory at Cordele, Ga.; the Worth Ice and Fuel Co., capital \$100,000, Wilmington, N. C.; the Texas Coal, Coking and Oil Co., capital \$150,000, Garrison, Tex.; and the Empire State Rubber Co., capital \$1,000,000, Norfolk, Va.

The Railroad Oil Co., capital \$100,000, has been chartered at Parkersburg, W. Va.; the Hughes River Oil Co., capital \$100,000, Philippi, W. Va.; the Dixie Oil Co., capital \$100,000, Savannah, Ga.; the Raccoon Cotton Oil Co., limited, capital \$25,000, New Orleans, La.; and the Southern Tile and Artificial Stone Co., capital \$25,000, at Jacksonville, Fla. A \$15,000 tobacco factory will be erected at Monroe, La., and another to cost not less than \$25,000 at Richmond, Va. Woodworking plants will be established at Brewton, Ala.; Dexter, Ga.; Kittrell and State Line, Miss.; Chattanooga, and at Bluefield, W. Va. Tradesman (Chattanooga, Tenn.).

## RACE CONFLICT IN ALABAMA.

Riverton Aroused Over a Lynching and Whites and Blacks Are Arming.

A race war was precipitated at Riverton, Ala., Tuesday, and serious trouble is feared.

The trouble was caused by a negro attempting to assault a white woman, who fought him off and aroused the neighborhood. Searching parties were formed and the entire section was scoured for the negro. It is believed that he was found and shot, but the searchers will not admit it.

After the attempted assault became generally known the white men became incensed at the negroes and threatened to run them out of town. The negroes began arming and several conflicts occurred between them and the whites.

Riverton is a town of 600 inhabitants and is the headquarters of the government work on the Colbert Shoals canal. Several hundred workmen are employed on the works, two-thirds of them white men. The trouble can only result in the utter routing of the negroes and the possible extermination of them at the point of guns, for the white men are of the class that fight with desperation.

In the surrounding country there are hundreds of negroes employed on plantations, and if they should enter the conflict a race war of no small proportions will inevitably result.

## A COLORED POSTMISTRESS.

She Gets a White Woman's Place in a North Carolina Town.

Mary Guion, a negro woman, received notice from Washington that she had been appointed postmistress for Tar Heel, Bladen county, North Carolina.

Mrs. T. B. Robinson, a white widow who has been filling the position, was turned down for the negro woman.

## SNOWSTORM IN COLORADO.

Three Inches Cover the Ground at Cripple Creek and Other Points.

A severe now storm is reported from all the higher portions in the mountain districts of Colorado.

Three inches of snow is reported at Cripple Creek, Aspen and Old Points and one inch at Leadville.

## Cleveland and Bryan Invited.

The executive committee in charge of the celebration to be given at Fremont, Ohio, September 2d, when President McKinley will visit the city, have issued invitations to William Jennings Bryan and ex-President Cleveland to be guests of the city the same day and to take part in the exercises.

## HUNG ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

Community Got Rid of Brinkley Because His Character Was Bad.

The body of Ephraim Brinkley, who lives several miles from Madisonville, Ky., was found dangling from a limb near his home Thursday morning.

He had been lynched during the early morning by a mob of about forty citizens, who determined to put an end to his existence on general principles. Several weeks ago Thomas Croullias, a well-to-do citizen of the neighborhood, was assassinated.

Brinkley was suspected on account of his evil reputation, but no proof could be found to connect him with the crime.

## BOUND FOR THE GOLD FIELDS.

Steamer Leaves Seattle With Many Passengers For Alaska.

Thursday afternoon the North American Transportation Company's steamer Portland sailed from Seattle, Wash., to St. Michael, Alaska, from which point her passengers will be transferred to the Yukon river steamers and carried to the famous Klondyke gold fields.

There were 128 passengers, a few of whom were women.

## NO TRANSFERS FOR ATLANTA.

Consolidated Street Railway Company Wins a Decisive Victory.

Atlanta, Ga., loses in her transfer case. The decision of Judges Newman and McCormick squarely knocked the city's claim of power to require transfers off its feet. It left it not a leg to stand on, declaring clearly and definitely that not upon a single ground upon which the city had based its claim for authority to force transfers was there legal warrant for the action. It went a step further. It made the remark that the power sought to be exercised went to the extreme municipal authority even under legislative authority.

It is a complete victory for the Consolidated and thoroughly establishes the fact that the company has the right to name its own rate of fare within a certain limit.

The decision not only overrules the city's demurrer, but goes so far as to emphatically deny the right of the city to pass an ordinance requiring the street railway company to grant transfers.

Most of the public and many connected with the case expected that the decision would be different. It was thought that a special master would be appointed to investigate the case and that the end would not come in possibly two years, but the judges have surprised every one with a decision that settles the litigation, so far as their courts are concerned, definitely.

## CHOPPED WIFE'S HEAD OFF.

Anderson's Small Son Saves His Father and Brother Did the Deed.

At Tuscaloosa, Ala., George Anderson, aged sixty-two, and son, Wesley, aged fifteen, were arrested Friday on a charge of murdering the former's wife.

A seven-year-old son of Anderson says that while the family were traveling through Jefferson, Tuscaloosa and Shelby counties, old man Anderson held the woman while Wesley chopped her head off with an ax.

He cannot tell where the killing occurred, but says he can lead the way to the hole where the body was thrown in.

Sheriff Shirley, of Tuscaloosa, is trying to locate the woman, Anderson claiming that she is in a poorhouse at Columbiana, and if she is not there the boy will lead the way to where he says the body is buried.

## CUBA IN A BAD WAY.

London Chronicle Correspondent Draws Gloomy Picture of the Island.

The correspondent of The Daily Chronicle (London) in Sagua La Grande, province of Santa Clara, Cuba, writes to his paper a terrible account of the condition of affairs in the island.

Both the government troops and the insurgents, he says, are suffering horribly from famine and the ravages of smallpox and yellow fever, while butcheries of prisoners after inquisitorial tortures are of daily occurrence if the victims be suspected of withholding information.

Captain General Weyler, the correspondent says, has shown neither mercy nor quarter, and has turned the campaign in Cuba into a near approach to that of duke of Alva on Holland in the sixteenth century.

## EXPLODING BOILER KILLS FOUR.

Naphtha Vapor Caused Accident—Besides the Dead Others Were Fatally Hurt.

At 6:30 o'clock Friday evening an explosion occurred on the steamer Nutmeg State of the Bridgeport Steamboat company's line while she was lying at her wharf at the foot of South street, Bridgeport, Conn., and as a result four men are dead, three others are thought to be fatally injured and a number more are in a serious condition.

The men were all connected with the boat. Immediately after the explosion an alarm of fire was sounded, but the flames were quickly extinguished and the firemen had little to do but to assist and care for the injured. The explosion was probably caused by the igniting of naphtha.

## SILVER AT BOTTOM PRICES.

White Metal Makes a New Record for Low Quotations.

A New York dispatch says: The silver market was unsettled Friday on the decline in London. Silver bars and Mexican dollars made a new low record quotation for the last two years. The decline since Saturday has been 7-8 for bars and 5-8 for Mexican dollars.

## MORMONS CAUSE TROUBLE.

Fairfield County, S. C., Is Not Inclined to Tolerate That Sect.

Information from Fairfield county, South Carolina, is that if the intense feeling between Mormons and Christians is not allayed immediately there will be bloody work.

Following the successive burning of the frame and brush Mormon churches, the dwellings of W. W. Collins, an earnest adherent of Mormonism, was visited Tuesday night by a party of men, who opened fire on the building. Collins's large family was within range of the bullets, which penetrated and wounded one of his daughters in the arm.

## PRESIDENT ASKED TO HELP.

Pittsburg City Councils Desire Him to Settle the Strike.

The Pittsburg, Pa., councils in regular session Monday passed a resolution calling on President McKinley to use his good offices in the settlement of the coal miners' strike.

## President Appoints Powderly.

The president sent to the senate Saturday the nomination of Terrence V. Powderly, of Pennsylvania, to be commissioner general of immigration.

## PLANNING FOR BETTER ROADS.

STATE GEOLOGIST AND GOVERNOR HAVE A GOOD SCHEME.

## BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED ON SUBJECT.

Will Contain Valuable Information on Road Construction, and May Solve Convict Lease Problem.

Professor Yeates, state geologist of Georgia, has inaugurated a movement for the improvement of every road in the state, and has already taken the first steps toward the materialization of his plans.

Professor Yeates is a strong believer in good roads, and he will exert every effort to make every thoroughfare in Georgia comfortably passable.

Considering the unsettled condition of the convict question, the movement is particularly opportune at this time, and may aid in the solution of the problem of disposing of the state criminals. Professor Yeates has the hearty endorsement of Governor Atkinson in his plan, and their efforts may result in wonderful good to the rural districts of the state.

Professor Yeates will soon issue a good roads bulletin, which will largely aid in the progress of the work. The bulletin will be compiled with great care, and will be largely conducive to the future prosperity of the state.

Professor McCallie, assistant state geologist, will have charge of the bulletin, and has already begun securing data with which to begin. He will start soon on an inspection of the whole state, and the report of his observations will be published in this bulletin.

The bulletin will contain information exceedingly valuable toward the construction of good roads. It will be handsomely illustrated, and will contain the most up-to-date methods for road construction.

The pamphlet will contain practical lessons on the details of roadbuilding, will point out the best materials, and the most approved methods for grading. It will make the work so plain that every man can understand it, and improve his property accordingly. Copies will be mailed to every farmer almost in the state.

The soil of Georgia contains some very fine material for road construction, which, if properly utilized, would make the very best highways in the country. The red shale, near Rome, is particularly fine for roadbeds, large quantities of which are now being used in and around that city.

The chert is also very fine for this work, and the bulletin will locate and describe these natural materials, giving their quantity, how best prepared and laid. The preparation of this pamphlet means an immense amount of work and a good expense, but the state will no doubt be fully repaid for the outlay.

If the convicts are ever put to work on the roads, and the directions of this bulletin followed, there is no reason why Georgia should not have as good roads as any state in the union. A wheelman could then ride from one end of the state to the other without any trouble, and general travel would be made much easier.

## FURNITURE WORKS DESTROYED.

Big Factory Burned to Ashes at Cambridge, Mass.

The furniture factory of Keeler & Co., East Cambridge, Mass., was visited by a fire Wednesday night, and although the blaze was confined to the top floor, the loss will be about \$25,000, fully covered by insurance.

The top floor was taken up by the furniture just finished for J. Reed Whipple's new Boston hotel, La Touraine, which was of special design and very costly. This was all ready for shipment and was destroyed.

Cobb, Bizzell & Co. had a large quantity of furniture stored on the floor beneath and their loss will reach \$5,000.

## Wholesale Arrests For Murder.

Six men and two women are under arrest at Trinidad, Col., for the murder of Deputies William Green and William Kelly, who were in search of cattle thieves, in 1896. Officers are in pursuit of two more men who are implicated.

## A GHASTLY FIND.

Bodies of Twenty-six Infants Found in a Church Tower.

Special dispatches from Madrid state that the bodies of twenty-six infants in rough deal boxes have been discovered in the tower of St. Peter's church at Seville.

It is supposed that wholesale crime has been committed by the church warden, Orellans and his wife, and they have been arrested.

Keene Made Riches Rapidly.

The New York Journal and Advertiser says that James R. Keene has succeeded in making \$2,000,000 in sugar stock speculation during the past few days.

## ANDREWS RESIGNED.

Rather Than Forego His Free Silver Convictions.

President E. B. Andrews, of Brown university, at Providence, R. I., sent a letter to the faculty Thursday resigning his office.

The letter was in response to a communication sent to President Andrews by the special committee appointed by the trustees and fellows in June, who at that time called him to account for his silver utterances.

## LYNCHERS TO BE PROSECUTED.

Men Who Hanged Ryder are Known—Conspiracy Charged.

The excitement occasioned by the lynching near Talbot, Ga., of W. L. Ryder, the murderer of Miss Sallie Emma Owen, has not yet abated.

It is known that fifteen men composed the mob and their names are known. There is now little doubt that the plan to lynch Ryder was made several days preceding the date for the case to be called, the conspiracy having been formed on the supposition that the case would necessarily have to be postponed, due to the illness of Colonel Worrill, the leading counsel for the defense.

The mob seemed to have been organized openly. Carriages were hired from the livery stable and the parties left town by a back street. There will be no trouble in identifying a large portion of those engaged in it, it is said.

A secret service officer of the United States was in town at the time and he says that it was evidently a case of conspiracy. He has obtained the names of a large number of those supposed to have been engaged in it and will lay the matter before the proper authorities.

Governor Atkinson will be requested to offer a reward later. It is also stated that a detective was present on some other business and caught on to what was up, went to Waverly Hall with the crowd and is now in possession of all the facts and a large number of names. Not being acquainted with the sheriff, he and the secret service officers were unable to communicate with the sheriff in time for him to protect Ryder.

There is no doubt that the parties will be prosecuted.

The body of Dr. W. L. Ryder was carried to Macon Tuesday night and on Wednesday morning the remains were interred in the family burying ground at Walden, near Macon.

Judge John Hart, who presided in the Ryder hearing at Talbot and who granted the continuance, expresses himself in regard to the lynching as follows:

"The continuance was on the ground of illness of leading counsel which was proved by physicians' certificates. In their certificates the doctors stated that while he was too ill to appear in court, Mr. Worrill would be well enough to try the case by the September term."

"That made a case for continuance. Had I not granted it, the supreme court would have given a new trial, thus protracting the case."

"There was no application for a change of venue. I think that the law should be changed so as to give judges more discretion in that matter, and allow them to change venue when in their judgment the ends of justice demand it."

"There was no indication of violence while I was in Talbot. On the contrary, I was impressed with the good behavior of the people. I do not believe they approve what was done. It was the work of a few lawless men."

"Lynching is always done by a lawless element. Your paper is right in saying that lynching is cowardly. If that position was generally taken, lynching would be less frequent. It is an easy matter for sixteen men to murder one. I hardly think the name of one of those men could be found in a jury box."

## DISCOURAGING FOR STRIKERS.

Efforts to Bring Out West Virginia Diggers May Fail.

Dispatches from Wheeling, W. Va., states that Wednesday morning opened with the coal strike situation materially changed in West Virginia. The Watson mines, with 1,000 men, hold the key to the Fairmount region, for Monongah cannot be kept closed unless Watson's men quit work. Debs' failure to do anything with the Watson men at Reevesville was disheartening, but the organizers have regained their nerve, and early Wednesday morning a general conference was held to devise new plans.

The Kanawha Valley miners' committees are daily presenting their demand for an advance of 13 cents a ton to last throughout the year. This may cause a strike where sympathy was impotent.

On the Norfolk and Western the organizers find little encouragement, and there is no better outlook.

The strike in the state as a whole is regarded as lost unless local sentiment can be made to figure sufficiently to interest where sympathy is lacking.

## POWDER MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

A Stroke of Lightning Sets Off Twenty Tons of the Compound.

During the prevalence of a heavy rain and thunder storm Friday afternoon the powder magazine at the Empire mine, operated by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., was struck by lightning.

A terrific explosion was so great that it shook the foundation of nearly every dwelling in Wilkesbarre. There were about twenty tons of powder stored in the building. No one was in the building at the time but John Higgins, who was driving by just as the explosion occurred and who was instantly killed by flying debris.

## AUSTRALIAN GOLD FOR AMERICA.

It Is to Be Shipped Here Direct From That Country.

A special cablegram from London to the New York Evening Post says: Arrangements have been made to ship direct to the United States a considerable amount of gold from Australia. This is not generally known, and coming at a moment when gold movements from New York to London are looked for, will create much interest.

## BODIES BLOWN TO PIECES.

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION IN ARMO-  
RY OF WINCHESTER COMPANY.

## SEVEN PEOPLE INSTANTLY KILLED.

Accident Occurred in the Loading Department—Four Women Among the Dead.

Four women and three men were killed in an explosion in the loading department at the armory of the Winchester Repeating Arms company, at New Haven, Conn., Wednesday. Five others were taken to the hospital badly injured.

The dead are: William F. Baumerster, Mrs. Mary Baumerster, Miss Josie Bennan, Miss Ida Brown, William Hill, Miss Tracy Conroy, Edward Barderf.

George Barderf and Edward Blair were fatally injured.

The explosion occurred in the loading room. Employed in this room were 150 hands, two-thirds of them girls or women. Nearly all of the female hands are employed on the loading machines, each of which require three operators. The full complement of hands was at work in the room when the explosion took place. Forty feet of the side of the building was blown out and hurled in pieces many feet, and fragments of human bodies were scattered in a sickening manner.

Two of the bodies had been decapitated. Others had been partially torn asunder, and still others had been dismembered. The officials of the company expended every effort to assist in the work of relief.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined, and perhaps its source may never be known. Some of those at work in the room at the time say it was due to the fact that a cartridge in process of loading had been improperly placed in the machine.

The two Barderf boys, working side by side, were thrown at a tangent out one side of the building.

Edward Blair, working ten feet away at his machine, was sent upward through the roof. He fell on an ash heap, with broken bones and a fractured skull, and his legs twisted out of shape. The doctors say he, too, will die.

Edward Barderf died after being taken to the hospital.

T. G. Bennett, president of the company, expressed the belief that the machine that exploded had been over-charged through the carelessness of the operator or powder boy.

## GOLD MEN ARE HOPEFUL.

Executive Committee Members Hold a Meeting in New York.

The executive committee of the national democratic party, the gold wing of the democratic party, met at New York Wednesday. There were on hand W. D. Bynum, late of Indianapolis, and now of Brooklyn, chairman of the national committee and ex-officio chairman of the executive committee; G. B. Hollman, Rockland, Me.; W. D. Haldeman, Louisville; John C. Bullitt, Philadelphia; George F. Peabody, New York; F. W. McCutcheon, St. Paul; W. W. Screws, Montgomery, Ala., proxy for J. M. Faulkner; T. P. Linn, of Columbus, O., proxy for L. C. Kraythoff, of Kansas City; Charles J. Canale, New York, proxy for J. P. Frenzel, Indianapolis.

There was much disappointment over the absence of the three members of the committee and also because of politicians, who had expected to be present from Iowa, Kentucky and Ohio, to talk over the prospects of the fall campaign, did not appear.

T. P. Linn, of Columbus, O., chairman of the state committee of gold democrats, said that the outlook was very encouraging in Ohio. Mr. Linn stated that many of the rank and file who were Bryanites last fall had come to a serious contemplation of their error and would be found with the national democracy this year.

At the close of the meeting Chairman Bynum gave out a statement. He said that after a discussion it was decided to assist the states of Ohio, Kentucky and Iowa this fall in their campaigns.

## RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS MIX.

Paper Weights and Flats Result in Battered Faces.

A Columbia, S. C., special says: Bad blood existing between W. D. Evans, chairman, and H. R. Thomas, member of the state railroad commission, culminated Wednesday in a personal encounter, in which flats and paper weights figured.

Thomas was opposing higher rates on certain articles and Evans remarked that Thomas was no gentleman, whereupon Thomas applied a vile epithet to the chairman, in which several blankety-blanks figured.

Evans hurled a glass paper weight at Thomas, who dodged and bloodied the other's face with his flats.

## LARGEST GEORGIA MELON.

Weights 78 Pounds, and Will Be Presented to President McKinley.